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"SPORT FISHING U.S.A."
JUST OFF PRESS FROM FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Sport Fishing U.S.A., an authoritative volume on all aspects of marine and fresh-water sport fishing and fish by 43 well-known writers and scientists, has just been published by the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service. The book contains 21 color paintings by Bob Hines and many photographs.

Sport Fishing U.S.A. has information on fish migration, feeding, breeding, and physiology, and presents accounts of management programs. Also included are details on changes in underwater environment from pollution, new water uses, introduction of exotic fishes, and angling pressures. It tells what must be done to assure continued fishing opportunities. Separate chapters discuss fishing experiences, equipment, techniques, and angling history.

"It is fitting," said Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton in his foreword to the text, "that we mark the centennial year of Federal efforts to conserve our fishery resources with publication of a book about the fun and frustrations, mysteries and rewards of sport fishing. For truly, fishing is the great American outdoor sport, luring millions of us with the wholesome beckoning of ocean, lake, and stream."

Some persons fish for relaxation, others for adventure, and still others for outdoor experience, as the introduction makes clear. Some tie in fishing with other hobbies such as camping or boating. Naturalists are interested in the activity from the standpoint of wildlife. Others are stimulated by the challenges and accomplishments that the sport provides. Fishing can be a social occasion, or it can provide food for the table. It can offer competition with fish or with fishermen. For some, no doubt, "going fishing" is a conversation piece.

Whatever a particular person's "bag," Sport Fishing U.S.A. will be useful and unusual. It is designed to appeal to beginners or experts, and to non-anglers with an interest in the watery world and its inhabitants.

The book may be obtained for \$10 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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